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Application Number	10/730,596
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Response
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. [Miscellaneous]

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed.
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